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# Office Action Summary

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BAYOUMI ET AL.

**Examiner**

DOUGLAS S. LEE

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim***

1. Claims 1-22 are pending.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-17 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 21, the term used as "a data store" is not clear what the applicant regards as the invention. Is it a database or memory?

Regarding claim 3, "the Internet" lacks a clear antecedent basis.

Regarding claim 8, this claim depends onto itself. The correction is needed

Regarding claim 9, what is an "agent" as pointed out in the claim. So called "agent" is not specifically pointed out in the specification.

Regarding claim 21, what is an "applet" as pointed out in the claim. So called "applet" is not specifically pointed out in the specification.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

The claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 18 recites a method for providing a manufacturing control engine capable of receiving and processing data to generate manufacturing control instructions, which can be accomplished solely on a computer and does not appear to produce the other statutory class (the thing or product) to which it is tied or positively recite the subject matter that is transformed. Claim 19 further recite the step of providing a "data store" to store abstract "manufacturing rules" and "manufacturing environment conditions", which can also be accomplished solely on a computer and does not appear to produce the other statutory class (the thing or product) to which it is tied or positively recite the subject matter that is transformed.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eryurek et al. (US Pat. #6,965,806).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Eryurek et al. teaches a system providing control over manufacturing resources of a discrete manufacturing environment, comprising:  
a data store, the data store having manufacturing rules for the discrete manufacturing environment ( col. 8, line 36-37; col. 36, lines 40-63 and col. 18, lines 45-48; col. 35, lines 1-2; figs.1,2 ) ; and a manufacturing control engine, the control engine cooperating

with the data store to obtain manufacturing rules for processing to generate manufacturing control instructions ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claims 2-4, Eryurek et al. further comprising a communications network, the communications network cooperating with the manufacturing control engine to communicate data representative of discrete manufacturing control information to cooperating manufacturing resources (fig.I, col. 6, line 60 to col. 7, line 9).

Regarding claim 6, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the manufacturing rule information comprises any of: manufacturing resource capacity information, time for manufacturing information, manufacturing resource specifications, raw material information, and manufacturing environment information (see col. 7, line 36 to col. 10, line 49, figs. 4, 13, 15, 19, 27).

Regarding claim 7, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the manufacturing control engine cooperates with a plurality of manufacturing resources to communicate control information for use in one or more manufacturing processes ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claim 8, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the manufacturing control engine receives data from additional control resources comprising any of manual data, manufacturing optimization information, and planning information to generate at least one instruction set to cooperating manufacturing resources for execution ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claim 9, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the manufacturing control engine utilizes an agent that executes one or more of artificial intelligence techniques to obtain the additional control resource data ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claim 10, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the manufacturing control instructions is communicated to intelligent devices cooperating with at least one manufacturing resource data ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claim 11, Eryurek et al. disclose wherein the additional control resource data is provided to the manufacturing control engine over a communications infrastructure ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61).

Regarding claims 12-20, these method claims are rejected for the same reasons applied above rejected claims 1-11.

Regarding claims 21-22, Eryurek et al. disclose a management and control system which allows integration of various types of information, display of the information on a graphical user interface ( fig. 8 for example), and performing control functions (abstract). Eryurek further teaches use of a LAN and/or WAN (fig.1, col. 6, line 60 to col. 7, line 9); use of interface routines (58 in fig.2), operator modifying controls ( col. 1, lines 16-40; col. 9, lines 5-11; col. 10, lines 45-49), use of the Internet and status information ( col. 2, lines 50-67), and sharing information among various types of systems such as control and business systems. Eryurek teaches an engine and application integration platform (30, 50) which receives plural types of data, storing the platform ( col. 8, line 36-37; col. 36, lines 40-63), use of enterprise resource planning ( col. 8, lines 1-13; col. 12, lines 47-61), use of data bases ( col. 18, lines 45-48; col. 35, lines 1-2; figs.1,2 ) and allowing

display of various types of data depending on the user needs such as over a time or date interval, status, operator, materials, etc.. (note. col. 7, line 36 to col. 10, line 49, figs. 4,13, 15, 19,27).

### ***Conclusion***

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Douglas Lee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Albert Decady*, can be reached on (571) 272-3997 or via e-mail addressed to [*albert.decady@uspto.gov*]. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

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